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Vice Admiral Vincent P. de Poix, USN
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 Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Vince:

Thank you for the copy of your memorandum to Al Hall on the impact of the 1974 manpower reductions. It is an impressive list.

As you know, I have reported to the Congress that Intelligence Community manpower has been reduced [] since 1969. I do not know at the moment whether these cuts have been too deep. I will be alert to the impact of the manpower cuts that are now planned. If it appears that we prudently cannot sustain these planned reductions, or if international developments change our current perspectives, I will seek to recover essential positions.

As one additional point, I know we can work together to find ways to do together such activities as can be so handled, and thereby avoid doing them separately or with larger personnel requirements. Let's both see if there are any other candidates for this approach.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bill

W. E. Colby

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